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SUBJ: MISSIONS TO ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: (A) PARIS 25694, (B) GENEVA 7562

1. WE DISCUSSED WITH AVRAHAM PRIMOR, MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFIARS, THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE RECENT DECISION BY THE GOI TO ADMIT A UNESCO MISSION TO THE TERRITORIES AND THE AUGUST 31 AP NEWS REPORT OF THAT DECISION. PRIMOR SAID THE AP STORY WAS NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE AND THAT THE REPORTER HAD ADDED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF "PERSONAL ASSUMPTIONS" PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE ISRAELI RESERVATION OF A RIGHT OF VETO OVER INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS. THE AP REPORTER HAD ASKED ABOUT THE DECISION FOLLOWING AN ARTICLE ON THIS SUBJECT A DAY EARLIER IN MA'ARIV. THE MFA SPOKESMAN THEN ADMITTED THAT THE MA'ARIV ARTICLE WAS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. PRIMOR NOTED THAT THE MA'ARIV REPORTER HAD RETURNED, JUST PRIOR TO THE PUBLICATION OF HIS ARTICLE, FROM A PRIVATE VISIT TO PARIS AND HE BELIEVED THE LEAK OCCURRED THERE.

2. IN ANY CASE PRIMOR SAID THE UNESCO DECISION IS NOT A PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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CEDENT FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE GOI HAS DECIDED TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE OUTSTANDING REQUESTS FOR MISSIONS FROM UNESCO AND WHO. NO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION AS YET HAS BEEN SENT TO WHO BECAUSE THE SUBJECT HAS NOT RECENTLY BECOME A CURRENT TOPIC THERE. OTHER VISITS WILL BE DECIDED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

3. IN THE CASE OF THE UNESCO MISSION, ISRAEL TOLD M'BOW IN EARLY

AUGUST THAT IT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE VISIT AND WAS WILLING TO RECEIVE A MISSION TO VISIT THE TERRITORIES. THE ISRAELIS TOLD M'BOW THEY WOULD PREFER THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MISSION BE INDIVIDUALS FROM COUNTRIES WITH WHOM ISRAEL HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, BUT THEY WOULD, IF NECESSARY, CONSIDER OTHER INDIVIDUALS IF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL CONSIDERED THEIR PARTICIPATION IMPORTANT. THE ISRAELIS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO KEEP THE EXCHANGE ORAL, IN ORDER TO AVOID QUESTIONS OF PRESTIGE, ETC., BUT M'BOW ASKED FOR SOMETHING IN WRITING. ISRAEL THEN DELIVERED THE LETTER REPORTED IN PARIS 23776 AND IT WAS THIS EXCHANGE WHICH APPARENTLY WAS THEN LEAKED TO THE MA'ARIV REPORTER. THE GOI HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE OTHER THAN A REPORT OF THE MEETING DISCUSSED IN REFTEL (A).
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